Having then spoken a little on the necessity for a Speaker, he saith, * Now because that knowledge doth rest in certainty, I will with the more speed set afoot this motion, deLver my opinion unto you who is most fit for this place, be^ng a member of this House, and those good abilities which I know tc be in him'—here he made a little pause, and the House haw led and spat, and after silence made, he proceeded—* unto tins place of dignity and calling in my opinion '—here he stayed a little— * Mr Sergeant Yelverton *—looking upon him—* is the fittest man to be preferred *—at which words Mr Yelverton blushed, put off his hat and sat bareheaded—* for I am assiured that he is, jea, and I dare avow it, I know him to be, a man wi&e and learned, secret and circumspect, religious and faithful, no way disable but in every way able to supply this place Wherefore in my judgment I deem him, though I will not say best worthy among us, yet sufficient enough to supply this place, and iierein if any man thinlc I err, I wish him to dehver his mind as freely as I have done , if not, that we all join together in giving general consent and approbation to this motion.[3]

So the wliole House cried, * Ay, ay, ay, let him be[3] Then Sir William made a low reverence and sat down After a little pause and silence Mr. Sergeant Yelverton rose up, and, after very humble reverence made, thus spake„

* Whence your unexpected choice of me to be your mouth or Speaker should proceed, I am utterly ignorant If from my merits, strange it were that so few deserts should purchase suddenly so great an honour Nor from my ability doth this your choice proceed, for well known is it to a great number in this place that my estate is nothing correspondent for the main-

tenance of this dignity, for my father dying left me a younger brother and nothing to me but my bare annuity Then growing to man's estate and some small practice of the law, I took a wife by whom I have had many children, the keeping of us all being a great impoverishing to my estate, and the daily living of us all nothing but my daily industry. Neither from my person or nature doth this choice arise , for he that supplieth. this pkce ought to be a man big and comely, stately and well spoken, his voice great, his carriage xnajestical, his nature haughty, and his purse plentiful and heavy, but contrarily, the